

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. – 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding or complementary to a sequence encoding an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:10 or having at least about 89% or greater identity to SEQ ID NO:10 wherein said amino acid sequence is characterized by the ability to induce apoptosis.

7. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:9 ~~or capable of hybridising to SEQ ID NO:9 under moderate stringency conditions wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes a polypeptide characterized by the ability to induce apoptosis.~~

8. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 7 6, wherein said nucleic acid molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 10, which further encodes an amino acid sequence corresponding to an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:10 or having at least about 89% or greater identity to SEQ ID NO:10.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 7 6, wherein said nucleic acid molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence encoding an amino acid sequence that is at least about 89% or greater identity to SEQ ID NO: 10, wherein said amino acid sequence is characterized by the ability to induce apoptosis comprising SEQ ID NO:9.

10. – 14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:10 or a sequence having at least about 89% identity to SEQ ID NO:10 wherein said polypeptide is characterized by the ability to induce apoptosis.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The isolated polypeptide according to claim 15, wherein said polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 10 encoded by a nucleotide sequence SEQ ID NO:9 or a nucleotide sequence capable of hybridizing to SEQ ID NO:9 under moderate stringency conditions.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The isolated polypeptide according to claim ~~16~~ 15, wherein said polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence of at least about 89% identity to

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SEQ ID NO 10, wherein said polypeptide is characterized by the ability to induce apoptosis
~~further comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:10 or a sequence having at least about~~
~~89% identity to SEQ ID NO:10.~~

18.- 61. (Cancelled)